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In re Application of :
Draper et al. :
Application No. 09/996, 087 : **DECISION ON PETITION**
Filed: November 28, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. FR920000043US1 :

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 29, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Non-Final Rejection mailed, September 25, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 26, 2006.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an Amendment After Non-Final, (2) the petition fee of \$1540, and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional." Since the statement appearing in the petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement is being construed as the required statement. Petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct reading of the statement appearing in the petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Denise Williams at (571) 272-8930.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2155 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received.

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